

**MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL CO-OPERATIVES COUNCIL
HELD AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, SYDNEY
ON WEDNESDAY, 26 OCTOBER 1994
COMMENCING AT 9.35am**

ATTENDANCE

Frank O'Connor	WA	(In the Chair)
David Osgood	SA	
Tony Gill	VIC	
Jordan Rigby	NSW	
Chris Connors	QLD	

Guests/Observers:

Don Kinnersley
Lui Raiteri
Tony Connor
Tim Dyce

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Additional items of business were added to item 5, 'General Business':-

- Date and place of next meeting
- Hilmer Report
- Communication between state CFA's
- State Legislation
- ICA 100-year celebration
- Links with credit unions

MINUTES

Moved QLD, SA that the minutes be amended to note Victoria's apology for non-attendance and note that a letter sent which was discussed prior to meeting was not tabled. This letter outlined Victoria's position on National Co-operatives Council. The Victorian delegate spoke to the motion outlining Victoria's position requiring a formal structure for the National Co-operatives Council.

BUSINESS ARISING

SA advised they would like charter to be a formal structure for protection of council members.

- Paragraph 2 & 3 - delete the word 'six'
Paragraph 5 - insert provision to appoint proxy

National Council, ensuing discussion, agreed to all SA amendments save 'incorporation'. State reasons were:-

Victoria	- wants to join CFA
Queensland	- happy to be informal but want independence
Western Australia	- prefer formal CFA but happy for name change
New South Wales	- unable to accept a formal structure

Don Kinnersley questioned the chair on the mechanics of NCC joining CFA. Frank O'Connor undertook to circulate details.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Tim Dyce of Asia Pacific Institute addressed the meeting. He needs state federations help in supporting their courses. There are a lot of leads including overseas countries being interested in API work. But funds are limited and it needs members support to enable it to flourish.

Don Kinnersley cautioned that where they were accepting advance payment for enrolments, those should be treated as 'Trust Funds' and not absorbed into day-to-day running of the institute. State delegates agreed to endeavour to have other members support the institute both with students and sponsorships.

PRESENTATION PACKS

The New South Wales registry now has a national database and handed out copies of suitable co-operative to state delegates. A quick examination showed some entries incorrect. State delegates undertook to review their states and advise the New South Wales registry of corrections. Motion VIC, NSW. Chairman to request NSW registry to include:

- Name
- Gross Turnover
- Gross Staff
- Gross members
- Total Assets
- Industry use ASIC classification
- Date Format

LIBRARY

Victoria asked for details of books, magazines and other publications held by states to circulate so that total available resources were known.

- South Australia advise nothing
- Western Australia advise nothing
- Queensland advise nothing
- New South Wales ACC library held at co-operative registry
- Victoria has some publications.

Victoria undertook to take this up as a project.

Victoria advised they were liaising with Plunket Foundation to become it's Australian Representative and asked if there were any objections. There were none forthcoming and Victoria's initiative was praised.

HILMER REPORT "NATIONAL COMPETITION POLICY"

Don Kinnersley advised this report if adopted had serious consequences for certain co-operatives. ie New South Wales Fishing and New South Wales Taxi where their rules allowed them to demand to take all produce. The report seeks to deregulate. State delegates are to have State Council fully investigate the consequences for their individual units.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN STATE FEDERATIONS

General consensus is that it would be of great advantage to know what was happening co-operation-wise in each state.

- agreed to exchange newsletters - SA tabled the current one.
- agreed to exchange annual reports
- agreed and subject to acknowledging source, states could reproduce items out of each others newsletters.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter CFSA 22 August noted - nothing to add.

CFV 24 September noted it contained reference to amendments now included in minutes. Victoria had nothing further to add.

Letter CFWA 1 September accepted save for request last paragraph that NCC only operates for commercial co-operatives. Other states advised they in fact included all co-operatives and there was a political advantage in this NSW that they had support of both the government and shadow minister of co-operatives. The conservatives supported commercial, the labour side supported worker co-operatives.

TIME & PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Jordan Rigby apologised and left the meeting at 12.00pm to catch a plane. He requested that Don Kinnersley represent NSW for the remainder of the meeting. The Chairman thanked him for his attendance and advised the meeting was closing shortly.

Queensland requested the meeting continue to discuss State Legislation.

Western Australia advised the CFWA annual conference was to be held from 5-6 April 1995.

It would commence midday on 5 April to allow country members to arrive in Perth and finish midday on 6 April to allow country members to get home. Western Australia invited the National Co-operatives Council to the conference and hold their meeting on the afternoon of 6 April. This was agreed to.

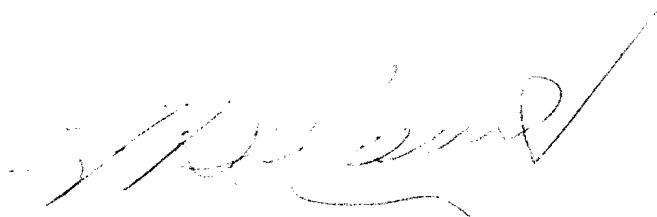
STATE LEGISLATION

Queensland advised their units need new legislation. Their registrar was not interested therefore they were going to produce their own suggested act for presentation to the government. Request help and input to their working party. General discussion ensued with NSW and VIC in particular agreeing to communicate.

The chairman deferred further agenda items to the next meeting namely;

- 1 Links with credit unions
- 2 ICA 100 years old in 1995

The meeting closed at 12.11pm.



NB: At subsequent NCC/State Registry meetings, it was agreed that their meetings and our National meeting should occur in conjunction with Western Australian Conference.